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Sauget/Cahokia/Sauget Area (Dead Creek)
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July 29, 1985

Warren L. Smull
Environmental Affairs
Monsanto Industrial Chemicals Co.
Sauget, Illinois 62206

Dear Mr. Smull:

As you may be aware, IEPA intends to conduct a full scale Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RIFS) in the Sauget area. The primary focus of the RIFS is Dead Creek. However, due to known and suspected widespread disposal of waste in the Sauget area, it is imperative that a full accounting of wastes and overall environmental quality be performed in the area in order to detail actions for Dead Creek.

Enclosed with this letter, please find a proposed Scope of Work for the RIFS. You will notice that several of the proposed sites for study are either controlled by Monsanto or have been utilized by Monsanto in the past.

The Scope of Work is very detailed and will likely be very costly. Your October 1, 1984 letter stated that Monsanto was conducting a hydro-geologic investigation. IEPA wishes to avoid duplicating investigative work wherever possible in the area and would very much appreciate cooperation by your firm in our proposed investigation. IEPA further realizes that Monsanto, by virtue of its long history in the area, represents a collective base of information regarding past activities in the Sauget area which could be of great use in the proposed study.

The purpose of this letter is to open communication between your firm and IEPA regarding the proposed RIFS. This letter is not a request for site access, but site access will be requested in the near future.

I would appreciate being able to openly discuss applicable issues with you at your convenience. I also appreciate the legal sensitivity of these issues at the current time. This letter is a request for cooperation and does not, nor should be construed to represent any type of documentation that IEPA is notifying Monsanto of potential responsible party status with the inherent requirements of such action.

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I feel that a general discussion of issues would be worthwhile for both parties regardless of your firm's position on cooperation. I would like to schedule this as soon as possible. Please contact me or Steve Dunn of my staff at your convenience after you have considered this letter. If no response is received by August 6, 1985, this office will contact you.

Sincerely,

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Manager
Division of Land Pollution Control

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